

Remarks:

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 12, 14, 15, 17-20 and 22-24 remain for consideration in this application with claims 1 and 12 being in independent format.

In the office action dated July 27, 2005, claims 19, 20, 22, and 23 were objected to. Applicant submits that these objections have been obviated in view of the claim amendments presented above and request that these objections be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 12, 14-15, 17-18, and 22-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, Applicant has amended the independent claims of the application such that they recite “wherein said substrate is specific for ACE.” Such an amendment clarifies that the substrate must be an ACE-specific substrate. Additionally, Applicant has replaced the term “including” with “comprising”; the term “provide” with “obtain”; and has amended claims 20 and 24, as suggested in the office action.

Finally, Applicant and his attorneys would like to thank the Examiner and his supervisor for the time and courtesy extended during the personal interview which was held on November 9, 2005. Applicant believes that this amendment fully complies with the discussions which took place during that interview. If any questions remain, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 1-800-445-3460.

Any additional fee which is due in connection with this amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance appears to be in order and such is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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